

## WILL AID FARMERS IN OBTAINING HELP

Omaha Live Stock Exchange  
to Give Entire Energy to  
Efficiency Campaign.

### TO BE A LABOR BUREAU

The machinery of the Omaha Live Stock Exchange has been turned over to farmers of the middle west in an efficiency campaign at a meeting at the stock yards. Directors later in the session instructed Secretary and Traffic Manager A. F. Stryker to keep a list of prospective laborers in his office.

The "city hum and idler" was scorned in the resolution adopted. Mr. Stryker will examine every applicant that comes before him and all who do not measure up to qualifications will be rejected. Farmers will have access to this data and may engage men through the exchange bureau.

#### Urged to Conserve Stock.

Action was taken in view of the threatened food shortage. A week ago farmers were urged to feed their stock with the cheapest materials and not to market cattle, hogs or sheep till they matured. The announcement: The South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, composed of practical stockmen and farmers who know what the country needs, will devote its activities to the work of supplying labor for the farmers of the middle west upon which the nation and its army must depend for food.

As no time is to be lost the exchange will enter upon the work immediately and every effort possible put forth to aid in the distribution of labor so that the farmers and stockmen of the west will have enough help to produce maximum crops.

#### To Register Names.

The secretary, A. F. Stryker, whose office is located in the Live Stock Exchange building at the Stock Yards, will register the names of all men, women, boys and girls, who are willing and capable of performing labor on the farms and ranches of the west. He will keep a record of the experience, capability and general character of each volunteer farm worker.

All farmers and ranchmen needing help are invited to write their commission firms or, if preferable, direct to the secretary, stating the kind of help wanted, what the working conditions will be and the wages to be paid. Then the commission man or the secretary will go over the list and pick out the individual most nearly answering the requirements.

The would-be farm hand will be communicated with and if conditions are satisfactory to both sides the commission man will engage the help and send it to the applicant in the country. No charge will be made for the service.

By this system it will be possible to eliminate the city bums and idlers so strongly objected to by farmers because of worthlessness and inefficiency. Only good, serious minded persons, who expect to do honest work, will be registered.

The newspapers and the various commercial and business organizations of the city are requested to aid in making known to the public the work undertaken by the Live Stock Exchange.

### To Look After All the Women Without Nation

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 31.—"For Women Without a Nation," is the title of a committee just organized by the American Women's club under the direction of Lady Lowther.

The club, in connection with its war work, has found that there are a large number of women stranded in London, who cannot claim the rights and protection of any state; they are citizens of no country.

An instance given by the club secretary is that of an English woman who married a Belgian and went with him to the United States, where he lived long enough to lose his nationality. Neither took out naturalization papers, and they returned to Europe so that the husband could enter the Belgian army, in which he is now fighting.

"We have record of more than 100 such cases," said the secretary. The club has committees to help stranded Americans, to educate American children, to maintain workshops, where hospitals are supplied to the allies, and to manage a knitting factory for the aged.

### Would Have British Ships Under Strict Regulation

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 25.—Measures are contemplated by the controller of shipping for dealing with the systematic employment of liners in various trades, says the Times. The plan, which will commence with vessels employed in the Australian and New Zealand trades, provides that all vessels would be recognized at Blue Book rates. Owners would carry on their business as before. All profits above those allowed by Blue Book rates would go to the government. All competition would be eliminated and the plan would extend to other trades as soon as possible.

The proposal is said to meet with approval of shipowners.

The chamber of shipping, however, has adopted a resolution, presented by Lord Inchcape, asserting that any proposals for state ownership of the mercantile marine are contrary to the national interest, and that it is only under the free play of individual enterprise that British shipping can maintain its "unrivaled position."

### Three "Dead" Soldiers Demand Their Back Pay

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 30.—The latest group of British prisoners returned from Germany includes three "dead" soldiers; that is, men who were long ago officially reported dead and have been so entered in the records of the war office. For a fortnight these three soldiers have been paying daily visits to Whitehall in an endeavor to persuade the government that they are alive and entitled to collect their back pay. The war office declares they are dead as far as the pay rolls are concerned and must remain so. Only a special grant from Parliament can improve their situation.

## FIRES AT GUARD AT WATER PLANT

Private Shoots at Suspect and  
Latter Tries to Kill  
Him.

### ESCAPES IN THE DARKNESS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Des Moines, Ia., April 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Private Burns, one of the guards at the water galleries west of the Eighteenth street bridge, engaged in a duel with an undesirable marauder shortly before midnight Friday.

Burns noticed a man skulking near the water supply and ordered him to halt. When the man started to run, Burns fired two charges of buck shot at him. He fell, but as Burns came up, suddenly jumped up and fired at the guard with a revolver, then ran again and escaped.

#### Plan War Census.

Adjutant General Logan is now planning to take the military census and property inventory of the state as authorized by the last general assembly. The information as to the men of military age in the state is already at hand, having been secured when the state census was taken in 1915. The inventory will include a listing of manufacturing plants in Iowa which might be of assistance in making war munitions. The inventory will start probably in another week.

Raymond A. Pearson, president of the Iowa State Agricultural college at Ames, has been appointed assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture. President Pearson came to Ames in 1912. He is rated as one of the leading experts in dairy science in this country, having been professor of dairying at the college of agriculture at Cornell university and commissioner of agriculture of the state of New York. He is 44 years of age.

#### Want Detective Bill Vetoed.

A delegation of citizens of Montgomery county called on Governor Harding and urged him to veto the detective bill passed the last day of the legislature. They say that the operation of this bill will stop further investigation of the Villisca ax murder, which they are anxious to clear up. Detective J. N. Wilkerson, who has been making the Villisca probe, was in the city with the party, but did not call on the governor. The bill was drawn by the attorney general's department.

Officers of the State Federation of Labor have sent out a letter to labor unions over the state urging the union men to encourage recruiting and to themselves enlist in the National Guard. The Iowa guard set out to recruit 4,000 men. General Logan reports excellent results in most parts of the state.

#### Additional Guards Put On.

Twenty-five men are guarding the water works plant and galleries in Des Moines. Ten men were assigned to duty by Mayor MacVicar yesterday. All of the public buildings in the city are under guard and many of the private concerns are putting on special watchmen. The government or state is not furnishing any men to guard private property except the

railroad bridges.

Employers Encourage Recruiting. Employers of labor from all parts of the state are asking for cards being sent out from here called "job back after the war" cards. These are being put up in factories and other places where considerable help is employed. The commercial clubs of Cedar Rapids and Keokuk are asking for a large number of these cards.

Many Want Secret Service Jobs. Governor Harding is receiving many applications for places on the force of secret service men which he is authorized to appoint by action of the last legislature. These men are to investigate and look out after plots against the state and government. More than 100 applications have been received by the governor thus far for such positions.

#### Iowa News Notes.

Glenwood—Thursday night of next week Glenwood's Independent Order of Odd Fellows will celebrate the ninety-seventh anniversary of the founding of the order. Thirty-five candidates will be received into the order. Silver City will confer the initiatory, Pacific Junction the first degree. Glenwood has a membership of nearly three hundred.

Glenwood—Miss Ellen Newman of Glenwood, daughter of Frank Newman, left Glenwood for San Francisco Sunday, where she will wed Sergeant Charles Seitz of Honolulu. The bride is a Glenwood High school graduate, a popular girl with all classes.

Glenwood—At the Degree of Honor spelling match held last evening Louise Darling took first; Evelyn Ward second. In the potato race dominoes were substituted for potatoes.

### Smoking Strong Cigars is the Undoing of This American

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Berne, April 2.—A young American who said he was a student in Munich and that he was caught by the war without sufficient funds, appeared at one of the American consulates in Switzerland soon after the beginning of the war and asked for any kind of work that would enable him to save money to get home. He was hired and proved capable, energetic and honest. He was known as "Johnson." The consul, a genial, generous man, was in the habit of handing out to his clerks and assistants as many strong cigars as they would take each day. "Johnson," though he made a wry face, always accepted and smoked the cigars. Eventually, however, he admitted to a friend in the consulate that he had accepted them because he believed he would gain favor with the chief in that way, but that they made him ill. He was sent to a hospital, and there the inevitable revelation came.

"Johnson" in reality was a New York woman who, while in Munich, had donned men's clothes to cross the German frontier. She returned to the consulate but once after having recovered from the chief's strong cigars and then only to resign. Somehow, without a passport she got into Italy and obtained passage to America on a steamer sailing from Genoa.

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## Early Fall of German Militarism Is Predicted by Japanese Writer

Philadelphia, Pa., April 21.—The early collapse of German militarism was predicted today at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science by Toyoko Ikenaga of New York, manager-director of the "East and West News Bureau."

"It was sheer madness," he said, "for Germany to arouse the sleeping giant of this hemisphere. There is no doubt now as to which one of the belligerents will be the final victor. The only question that arises is how long will be the time before Germany collapses."

"I make bold to say that it would be to the great advantage of Germany to sue for peace today. If it would now lay its cards upon the table and ask for lenient terms of settlement,

its enemies probably would not be loath to grant them. In this respect the influence of America would doubtless be strongly exerted in Germany's favor. Were Germany so to act, I could understand for the first time why it dragged the United States into this war."

The problems of a durable peace between America and Japan, Mr. Ikenaga said, will not have received their definite and final solution until Japanese residing in this country receive full recognition of their equality with people of other nationalities. "Such recognition of equality, political and social," he added, "is denied to Japan so long as its subjects are discriminated against and cannot enjoy rights and privileges accorded to other aliens."

### Submarines Lay Mines as Well as Destroy Shipping

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, April 2.—Mines laid in the important British shipping lanes by the German U-boats are proving just as serious a problem to the admiralty as the U-boats themselves. Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, pointed out in a speech that "in the olden times the laying of mines was dangerous, but it was nothing then to what it is now, when submarines are employed not only to sink ships, but to lay mines below the surface of the water."

Mines have caused heavy loss in

the English channel since the submarine campaign began, February 1, and from the promiscuous way in which these machines were scattered they were much more difficult to deal with than when placed by surface craft in more or less defined areas.

"A submarine can follow our mine sweepers," said Sir Edward Carson, "and as quickly as we sweep up mines they can lay new ones without our knowing or suspecting. Do not underestimate the danger and difficulties of that operation." Necessarily, this practice involves the navy in a gigantic work to ensure even comparative immunity. Complete immunity cannot in the circumstances be expected.

## MEXICAN DEPUTIES HISS U. S. ENVOY

Fletcher Insulted in Chamber,  
While German Minister Re-  
ceives an Ovation.

### CHEERED IN THE STREETS

El Paso, April 21.—American Ambassador Henry Fletcher was hissed in the chamber of deputies Sunday when he appeared for the opening of the Mexican congress, according to a report received here from Mexico City today by government agents.

The report stated that German Minister von Eckhardt was escorted to his seat by a delegation of six deputies and that the German minister was given an ovation when he appeared, which lasted more than thirty minutes and another when he left.

"Ambassador Fletcher's appearance was greeted with feeble applause, which was drowned by many hisses," the report read.

Efforts were made by General Eduardo Hay, president of the house of deputies, to restore order when the galleries started the demonstration for the German minister, the report stated, but it was not until he had called for the sergeant-at-arms did the cheering cease.

After Von Eckhardt left the chamber of deputies crowds formed themselves into a volunteer guard and cheered him to his hotel, the report added.

## WILSON APPROVES U. S. FOOD CONTROL

Measures to Control Situation  
Will Be Introduced in  
House This Week.

### INVOLVES PRICE FIXING

Washington, April 21.—Administration measures to control the food situation, which have been approved by President Wilson and Secretary Houston, will be introduced early next week by Chairman Lever of the house agricultural committee.

Stimulation of production and control of distribution in such a manner as to prevent the making of exorbitant prices by speculators are expected to be provided for in the measures. The legislation contemplated probably will involve fixing of prices, close regulation of cold storage plants, warehouses, packing establishments and possibly for the government taking over those institutions if necessary.

### War Is Sobering Up All Great Britain's Folks

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

London, March 30.—The number of convictions for drunkenness in Great Britain continue to decline. Returns for forty cities with population over 100,000, including Greater London, shows the number of men convicted in 1916 was 53,000, as compared with 87,500 in the previous year; while the number of women convicted in 1916 was 24,000, against 36,000 in 1915.

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Black and White a coming favorite. Combinations of Satin and Tussah Pongee are very stylish. Many new Fancy Fabrics are new arrivals for Monday.

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